

SIGHTINGS

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THE EYE TEST: The Sight Center Teams with Kroger and Channel 13 to Prevent Blindness

Chances are you heard about us on television. More importantly, you learned about blindness, its causes and ways to prevent it. This was the result of a combined effort of The Sight Center, WTVG-TV, Channel 13, and Kroger Pharmacies.

For a two week period which began on April 28, TV-13 Healthcast Reporter and 5 o'clock anchor Diane Larson produced and presented stories on Sight Center clients and the benefits of taking "The Eye Test," a home vision screening tool that detects visual problems. Vistech Consultants of Dayton, Ohio for testing the vision of astronauts. It was found that while all pilots had 20/20 vision, some were able to detect objects up to 14 seconds sooner than others. The Eye Test measures contrast sensitivity, or the ability to see objects in shades, much like we see the world. This concept is considerably different from the Snellen Eye ("E") chart which measures a person's vision on his or her ability to see crisp black letters on a white background. The designer of the Contrast Sensitivity Test, Dr. Arthur Ginsburg, spoke in Toledo last August at the annual conference of The National Association of Vision Professionals hosted by The Sight Center. As a result, Carl Fisher, Manager of National Marketing Programs for Vistech, visited The Sight Center and began to coordinate the venture.



Area Kroger Pharmacists were among the first to take The Eye Test.

The test was available at Kroger Pharmacies throughout the month of May. Nearly 9,000 tests were distributed. While the actual test was a screening device and not intended to take the place of a complete eye exam, over 62 percent of those taking the test were sent a letter by The Sight Center indicating failure and directed to make an appointment for an eye exam. All participants received a personal note indicating a pass or fail score. The failure letters included a form to be filled out by the examining doctor. Returned to The Sight Center, the form collects statistics regarding the incidence of eye disease. To date, many

cases of glaucoma, cataracts, retinal disorders, and refraction errors have been discovered. All of the data on the eye test will be computerized. A detailed statistical report will follow in the next few months.

Channel 13 provided a valuable public service in educating our community about eye disease and prevention. Mike Sullivan, News Director, Jim Nowak, Director of Creative Services, and Al Mannes, Special Projects Producer were entirely supportive. Diane Larson and Bob Woods wrote and produced the series. Many of The Sight Center clients and former clients, such as Mark Wongrowski, Richard Hollins,

Kathryn Franklin, Jim Allen, and Dorothy Csomas were gracious enough to share their stories on film. Doctors Phil Nelson, Kathy Karol, and Jerry Draheim took time from their busy schedules to be interviewed. Kroger Pharmacies not only distributed the tests in their stores but completely underwrote the cost. They printed posters and copies of "The Ten Most Frequently Asked Questions." As it turned out, the most frequently asked question on the Sight Center hotline was "Where is the nearest Kroger Pharmacy?" Kroger's Assistant Advertising Manager Dale Hollandsworth and Pharmacy Sales Promoter Bill Sheridan were instrumental in bringing The Eye Test to our area.

A program such as The Eye Test was successful because of volunteers. The Sight Center was responsible for scoring, mailing results, and manning telephones to answer questions about the test. Volunteers Nancy Burton, Ruth Rudinger, Virginia Lewandowski, Dawn Christensen, Candy Reiner, Nancy Miller, Jackie Sobecki, and Jim Kozy spent hours completing those tasks. "It was a winning situation for everyone," said Barry McEwen, Sight Center President. "Channel 13 was able to provide an educational service to its viewers, Kroger increased their pharmacy contact with the public, and the agency was able to fulfill its mission to provide prevention and public education services to the community. All of us at The Sight Center appreciate the cooperation of those who made The Eye Test project an exceptional accomplishment."

Nancy Burton Wins John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award

The fifth winner of the John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award is Nancy Burton, a Sight Center volunteer since 1979. As a receptionist, librarian, mailing list coordinator, eye screener, archivist, and coordinator of the Holiday Greeting Card program, Nancy has given over 3,500 hours to the agency.

Mrs. Burton was honored at the Volunteer Luncheon on April 18. These are Board Chairman Gerald Hazel's remarks as he presented the award to Nancy:

Since September of 1979, we have been fortunate to have among us,

someone with no apparent limit to an energy that enables her to fulfill a multitude of services for The Sight Center. She has graciously bestowed on us well over 3,500 hours of quality time. But more importantly, she has demonstrated leadership, dependability, versatility, and resourcefulness in the many volunteer roles that she has fulfilled. She has worked as an organizer and updater of mailing lists, has archived Sight Center memorabilia, screened hundreds of preschoolers in our prevention of blindness program, and when our receptionist was a

volunteer, she was one of the best telephone operators in town. Probably her biggest job has been heading the annual holiday card program. This is a volunteer who has the skills of a bookkeeper, the salesmanship of Lee Iacocca, and the patience of Job. She has a reputation among Sight Center staff as the epitome of a wonderful, efficient volunteer. Staff have been known to say, "Get me a volunteer like Nancy, not realizing that she is one of a kind."

It's not just The Sight Center that is privileged to have her. She is a regular at the Voluntary Action Center and St. Timothy's Church. All that know her, as well as those she has just met, warm to her winning smile and pleasant attitude.



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Nancy Burton is the 1988 John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award winner.

High Vision Fun for Low Vision Kids



Children's Orientation and Mobility Specialist Meri Thomas talks with a Young participant at the High Vision Games.

It was buried in some munchkin-type hills of Michigan farmland, but once you found it, it was stimulation for your sense of sight, regardless of your visual acuity!

Children from southern lower Michigan gathered on April 8 at the Milton C. Porter Center for the third annual "High Vision Games." All the participants have low vision, and many use a variety of low vision devices. Since some of the children may be the only one in their school using such a device, the event provides an opportunity to motivate visually impaired youth to use the prescribed optical devices and meet their peers in a competitive, yet playful setting.

The idea for High Vision Games came from Beth Sael, Consultant for the Visually Impaired at the Lenawee Intermediate School District. The children receive low vision evaluations and the prescribed devices through the Youth Low Vision Program funded by the Michigan Commission for the Blind. The children work hard all year learning to use their optical devices. The High Vision Games allow them to "show off" just how well they can use them.

The children are divided into teams and each child has a volunteer, about the same age, to help if necessary. The children hope to do well for their team while participating in each game activity. Games include tracking a rolling ball into a box, identifying a picture at the end of a crepe paper streamer, and determining expressions on people's faces. Lunch is also a game. The participants use their optical devices to read the pizza ingredients menu on the cafeteria wall. They have to record their choices of dough, pan, cheese, toppings; collect each item, and make their own pizzas.

This year, over 150 children, teachers, optometrists, and parents

took part in the games. Each was rewarded with a High Vision Games T-shirt and a tote bag. One of the visually impaired children told his teacher organized several of his classmates to be sighted volunteers.

Meri Thomas, Children's Mobility Specialist at The Sight Center, has been interested in the concept of the games since they began. She is assisting in the writing of a grant proposal requesting federal funding to enable High Vision Games to be held in other states. "I'd like to see quality low vision services provided to children in Ohio and nationwide," she said. "It is a wonderful opportunity for children and their families to get positive feedback on the importance of their optical devices." Ms. Thomas was a team leader for the High Vision Games in Adrian. Similar games were held this Spring in Greenville and Gaylord.

The Sign Post



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John R. Vaughn, Sight Center Board member, has been named Senior Vice President, Corporate Funding and Investments for Trustcorp, Inc.

Vice President for Client Services/Personnel, Donald Stevens, and wife, Dee Ann, became the parents of son, Matthew Albert, in late November.

Richard B. Iott, Sight Center Board member, recently became the President of Seaway Food Town, Inc.

As members of a local health providers consortium, President **Barry McEwen** and Board member **Dave Pollick** were instrumental in helping Lucas County Government non-profit agencies receive a grant to provide care for low income pregnant women and children.

Albert DeMarzio serves St. Peters Church in Mansfield as a blind lector. He reads the scriptures in braille.

Though blind, **Maggie Tobin**, tutors sighted math students every week at Whitmer High School.

Kathy Kozy, Vice President/Communications, has been appointed to the Lucas County Chapter of the Board of Directors of the American Diabetes Association. She has also accepted a term as Vice President for Membership in the Toledo Professional Chapter of Women in Communications, Inc. Kathy will also serve as the Second Vice President for the Maumee Lions Club for the coming year.

The agency is saddened at the death of **Henry Nelson**. The Sight Center is grateful for his more than 20 years of volunteer service on behalf of the blind. Mr. Nelson was a past recipient of the United Way Henry L. Morse Award for volunteer service.

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The Toledo Society for the Blind/The Sight Center is a private, independent non-profit agency serving 23 counties in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. The agency is a participant in United Way funding in the following counties: Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, eastern Fulton, Henry, and Sandusky Counties, in Ohio; Monroe County in Michigan.



Shaded area denotes
United Way membership

The Toledo Society for the Blind/The Sight Center has been serving the community since 1923. Its mission is to provide services that respond to the assessed needs of blind and visually impaired individuals, and to enhance the preservation of sight through public education and prevention services. *Sightings* is a quarterly publication of The Toledo Society for the Blind/The Sight Center. All correspondence should be sent to Kathleen Kozy, Vice President, Communications, The Sight Center, 1819 Canton St., Toledo OH 43624-1380, (419) 241-1183.



1989 Is a Great Year For Your Special Gift

A Message from the President & CEO

Barry A. McEwen

Few of us think of taxes as a gift we give our Uncle Sam. If we did, we would probably put off the process as long as possible, thinking of him as a rich old guy who was "hard to buy for," with a closet full of knit shirts (still in packages) and a collection of outdated ties (red, white and blue ones, of course!). In reality, most of us do put off the shopping. We are slow gathering the needed information, figuring our tax bill, and we mail the 1040 about midnight on April 15. A proactive stance to taxes could make the process less dismal.

Even though the last two years have seen the phasing-in of new tax laws, the incentives to make charitable gifts are stronger than ever.

Volunteering and giving are the two best ways you can help The Sight Center maintain its current quality level of programming. If you are an itemizing taxpayer, you can deduct the amount in full. If you donate non-cash property or stock, such gifts are also deducted up to 30 percent of adjusted gross income. A charitable gift is one of the primary tax deductions within the control of a taxpayer. See your tax or financial consultant for more information.

In The Sight Center lobby are two beautiful "giving trees." These plaques have brass leaves which acknowledge, by name, substantial contributions to the agency. Plan ahead today. A gift to The Sight Center can make April 15 a happier day. Even your rich Uncle would agree.

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1988 Report to the Community

SERVICES RENDERED

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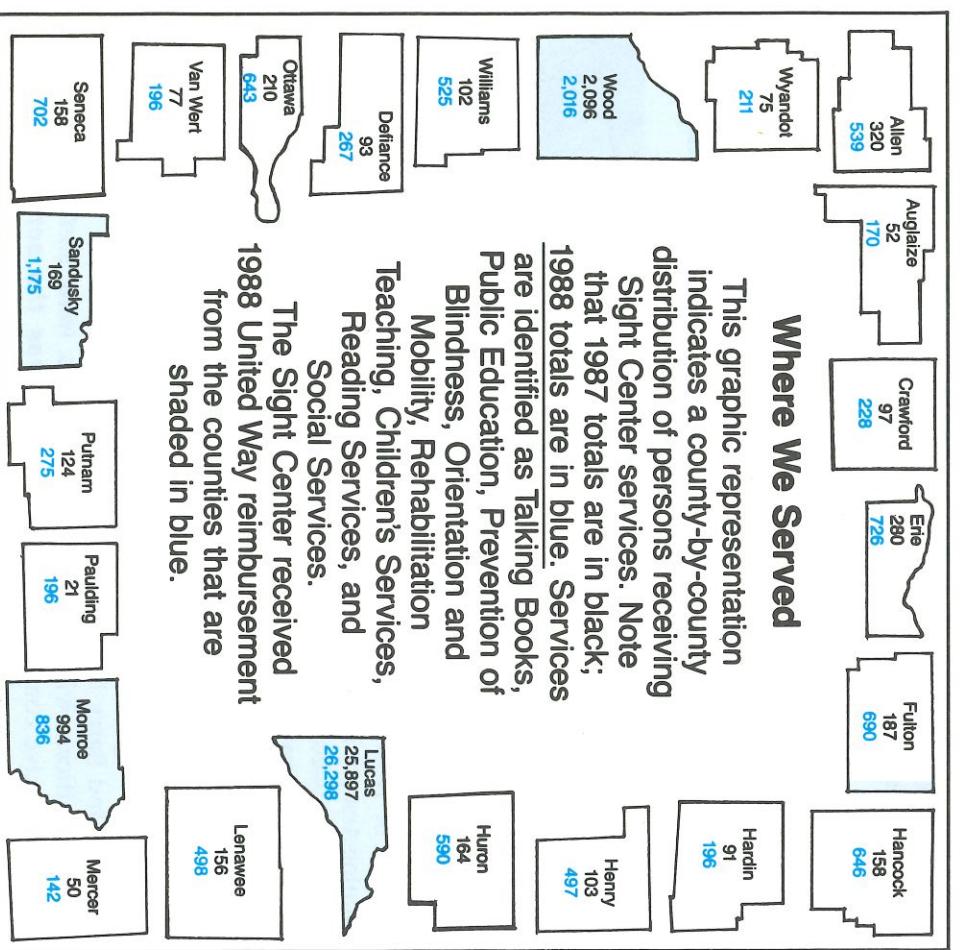
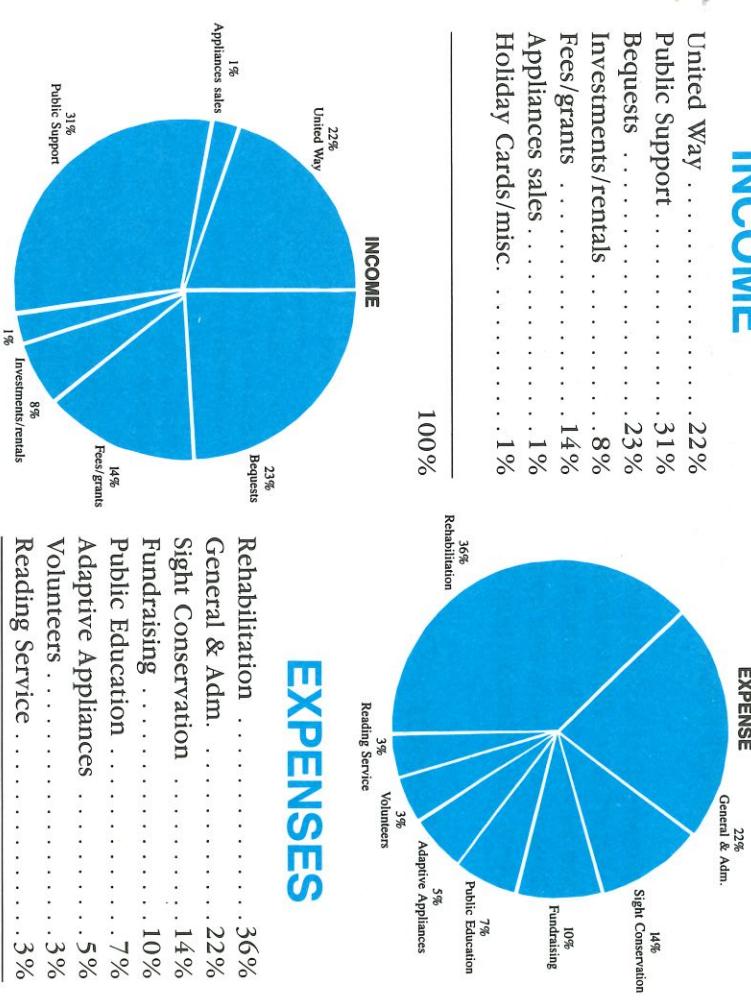
Social Services		1988	
Information and Referral	595	174	100
New Clients	203		
Rehabilitation Teaching	95		
Orientation and Mobility—Adults	116		
New Clients	87		
Orientation and Mobility—Children	35		
Total Children Seen	273		
Children's Services	262		
Total Persons Served	151		
Recreation	61		
Total Persons Served	151		
Volunteers			
Total No. of Volunteer Hours Provided	9,494	11,174	
Total No. of Volunteers	420	564	
Adaptive Appliances			
Total Talking Books in Service	2,807	2,628	
Prevention of Blindness			
No. of glasses purchased	250	161	
Preschool children screened	2,548	2,045	
School age children screened	11,160	20,534	
Adults screened	2,788	2,793	
Community Medical Eye Clinic			
Total Persons Served	347	329	
Community Eye Clinic Opticians			
Total Persons Served	374	328	
Diagnostic Ocular Pediatric Clinic			
Special Administrative Services	60	52	
Public Education Talks			
Visits and Tours	95	55	
Hours of misc. taping time	808	794	
*Total number of persons served	25,782	32,754	
*Totals must be approximated due to overlapping in services to individual clients, (i.e., person receiving orientation and mobility training may also have received counseling, rehabilitation, Talking Books, etc.)			
**Children's Orientation and Mobility services were not separated from those of adults until 1988.			

Where We Served

This graphic representation indicates a county-by-county distribution of persons receiving Sight Center services. Note that 1987 totals are in black, 1988 totals are in blue. Services are identified as Talking Books, Public Education, Prevention of Blindness, Orientation and Mobility, Rehabilitation Teaching, Children's Services, Reading Services, and Social Services.

The Sight Center received 1988 United Way reimbursement from the counties that are shaded in blue.

County	1987 Total	1988 Total
Seneca	158	702
Sandusky	169	1,175
Putnam	124	275
Paulding	21	196
Ottawa	210	643
Defiance	93	267
Williams	102	206
Lucas	25,897	26,298
Fulton	187	690
Hardin	91	196
Henry	103	497
Hancock	158	646
Monroe	994	836
Lenawee	156	498
Mercer	50	142
Van Wert	77	196



Expenses			
Program Services:			
Adaptive Appliances	\$ 35,993	\$ 50,782	
Rehabilitation	288,388	239,535	
Sight Conservation	112,508	82,784	
Public Education *	57,285	55,147	
Reading and Information Services	22,300	14,622	
Total program services	<u>\$516,474</u>	<u>\$442,870</u>	
Supporting services:			
Fundraising	\$ 77,671	\$ 72,688	
Volunteers	20,310	14,288	
General and Administrative	<u>176,345</u>	<u>155,507</u>	
Total supporting services	<u>274,326</u>	<u>242,483</u>	
Total expenses	<u>790,800</u>	<u>685,353</u>	
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses	<u><u>\$167,463</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (4,124)</u></u>	
* Public education is now considered a program service.			
The above information is a summary of the operations of the Toledo Society for the Blind taken for the Society's audited financial statement for the year ended December 31, 1988.			
Such information does not include balance sheets, statements of changes in fund balances, or notes to financial statements necessary for presentation of financial information in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Society's audited financial statements are available in the Society's offices.			
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Memorial Contributions

A permanent record is made of memorial contributions and other gifts to The Sight Center. Memorials are promptly acknowledged in accordance with the wishes of the contributor. The following is a list of memorials, gifts in honor of others, and bequests received by The Sight Center from October 1, 1988 through May 31, 1989.

In Memory Of

Paul Archambault by Dorothy, Lurley, and Michael Archambault
 Anne Austin by Barry and Cathy McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Shaw, and The Women at Austin Associates.
 Victor Backer by Mrs. Edward Kuntzman
 Jeanette Ballard by Rod and Lois Henning
 Ellen Bartlett by Mr. and Mrs. James Panode
 Mrs. Ruth Batch by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruth Virginia Bellner by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed
 Clarence A. Day by Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCormick, Jr.
 Thelma Duke by Mr. and Mrs. Kellermeyer
 Joseph Duszynski by Cathy Doe
 Casillas Elias by Mr. and Mrs. James Patnode
 Ruth Ferrel by Emma Claus, Teresa Paracheck, and Esther Wilhelm
 Mrs. Carlton Finkheimer by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Basch
 Ellen Fisher by The Clifford Clark Family
 Ruth Gable by Mr. and Mrs. Greg Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Klipstein and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Koldenacke, Patricia Ann Matuszak, and Mrs. Dale Holland, and Connie and Francis Tresso
 Gordon Gilmore by Marl and June Huffman Harry Glenn by Mrs. Mary Maxine Lininger Walter Gogel by The Walter Gogel Company Dawn Lee Green by Mabel Borer, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fate, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Houck, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Klipstein and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Koldenacke, Patricia Ann Matuszak, Marge and Ralph Plat, Mr. and Mr. Peter Rajner, Leocadia Rump, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schlaack, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wannemacher
 Bill Grohowski by Al and Wanda McEwen Mrs. Charlotte Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed
 Lawrence Halsey by Edith J. Barber, Charles Brisbin, Bob and Betty Clark and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Halsey, Lois Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peetz, Carol Quick, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Ramsay, Gretchen and Ward Taylor and Irene Wilemen
 William Hamilton by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Day and Barry and Cathy McEwen
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 Charles Hill by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duganiero
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 Robert Keil by Mrs. Grace Nasser and Mrs. Candance Reiner
 Thelma Huddleston by The Kronberg Family Mrs. Frances Leupp by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed
 Lawrence Maag by Richard Maag and family, Eugene and Valerie Maag, Connie and Don Rampe, and John Warnecke
 Theora Mathias by Thelma Marsh
 Dorothy Mayer by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Bucher, Mr. and Mrs. John Cable, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Doren, Crystal Elton, Janice Helminger, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hertzfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hite, James Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Longenecker, Jr., Gloria McQuade, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Meeker, Ethel Peppers and family, Marie Roche, and LaVerne Sell
 Carl Mazzucco by Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Kaczmarek, Terry and Nancy Martin, and Barry and Cathy McEwen
 Robert Meffley by Louis Meffley
 Conrad Mendieta by the Comte Construction Company

In Honor Of

Special birthday of Lewis Bach by Mervin and Alice Levey
 80th birthday of Dr. Robert Jackson by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Klein

Marriage of Ken R. Duetsch by Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Karr
 Father Murphy by Kathleen Root
 Christmas gift for Rev. Hartford Brucker, Recovery of Mrs. Ferdinand Roth by Mrs. Maxine Basch

Anne Mercer by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Adkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mussehl
 Bessie Miller by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schwartz

Henry Nelson by Nancy Burton, Barry and Kathryn O'Brien and family, Corinne Stoll and Evelyn Vining

Raymond Perry by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ames, Mrs. Terry Belkofsky, Mr. and Mrs. Belkofsky, Cal Billingsley, Stan and Erma Bourdo, Bill and Betty Carsstensen and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Carter and family, Cooley Canal Yacht Club, Beatrice Coon, Anna Mac Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elsram, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Habegger, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hall, Dan and Lois Hartman, Jerusalem Twp. Recreation Association, The Michael Komon family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ladd, Jenevieve Miller, Martin Okenna, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Perry, Lawrence Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Skip Perry and Heather, Mrs. Christine Saffran, Larry and Karen Schanke, Mrs. Delila Shaneck, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shanteck, Mr. and Mrs. John Standing and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Stidham, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tank, Leola Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wirtz, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wohlgamath and Andy

William Scheweltraer by Rose Watkins Franklin Schneider by Al and Wanda McEwen

Florence Schroeder by Aileen Christman, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davenport, and Aberdeen & McGregor

Charles Schwartz by Mrs. Lillian Dean Mr. Rudolph Shrik by Mr. and Mr. Howard Perry and Mr. and Mrs. John Nye

Lexy Shuler by Roadrunner Camping Club, Mr. and Mrs. James Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowman and family, Beulah Bressler, Mildred Denning, Minnie and Jim D'Anniballe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Epmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Garrigus, Paulette and Bob Giaimo, Erma Hartigan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartigan, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hartigan, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hartigan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hartigan and family, Mrs. Richard Heese, Mr. and Mrs. Cloeve Jones, Opal Jones, Jim, Barb and Frankie Miller, Peter Rehm, Mr. and Mrs. M. Schutz, Ann Strause, Edward Tobr, Dee Whitmire

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Willa Szalkowski by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed

Arthur Tattersall by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed

Milton TenEyck by Orene Shepert Robert Tilton by Rush Fowler, Esther Garbers, Ellen Garner, W. R. Garnet, Dean and Treva Harrah, Chris and Sally Hinshaw, Marlene Knapik and family, Betty Lou Koehler, Terrence Kunzly, Fred and Elizabeth Merrick, Michael Methalick, The Monticello Neighbors, Paul Noel, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pfeifer, and Jim Pfeifer, Joe and Maria Roszman, Ralph and Mary Lou Roszman, Jeff and Joy Roth, Star Players, John and Colleen Sheeley, Calvin Tilton and family, Carol Tiveman, Merrill Thomas Dennis and Sue Wall, and Howard and Carolyn Ward

John Wocke by Mary McPartland Charles Worden by Lella Worden

Howard Zeh by Alice Domingue, Loretta Fox, Erwin Goulet, and Orville Goulet

Anna Jane Zimmerman by Noel L. Zimmerman

Anniversary of Mrs. and Mrs. J. Liegel by Mrs. Maxine Basch
 Mrs. Maxine Basch
 Birthday of Patricia Knell by Alice Knell

Bequests

Gladys Perkins Estate
 Daisy Hickok Estate
 Jane E. Fry Estate
 Zelma Jones Estate
 Willis Stone Estate
 Natalie Ryan Estate

Murray and Trauger Retire from Board New Members Added, Titles Change



Bob Murray (l) and Charles Trauger (r) were honored for their years of service on The Sight Center Board of Trustees. They are pictured with Sight Center Board Chairman Gerald Hazel.

In 1971, Charles Trauger joined the Sight Center Board of Trustees. Bob Murray began serving in 1978. They attended the December, 1988 meeting for the last time as trustees and a grateful agency said thanks. Both gentlemen were presented with a plaque by Board Chairman Gerald Hazel honoring their service.

At the same meeting the Board elected Barry Brandt, Bill Davis, Richard C. Heyman, Jr., Dana Johnson, Richard Iott, Dave Pollick, and Merrill McEwen was also appointed to a Board position. Mr. Davis, Mr. Pollick, and Mr. Iott are serving their initial terms of service. Each member is allowed to sit for two 3 year terms.

Bill Davis is the President of Continental Capital, an investment firm. Dave Pollick serves as the Executive Director of Northwest Ohio Health Planning Association, Inc. Richard Iott recently assumed the presidency of Seaway Food Town, Inc. Officers for 1989 were also elected at the December meeting. They are: Gerald V. Hazel, Chairman; John Vaughn, Vice Chairman; Mary Krueger, Secretary, Douglas Austin, Ph.D., Treasurer; and Barry McEwen, President. The officers will serve as the Board's executive committee for the year.



Blind and visually impaired persons once again had the opportunity to enjoy the annual Shrine Circus with some help from the Telephone Pioneers. Here, Shriner Jim Blossom describes the action under the big top.

The Browns Basketball Game



The Cleveland Browns vs. the Channel 13 Home Team basketball game was played on April 28 at UT's Savage Hall. The proceeds from the game benefited The Sight Center. This year, local players were guaranteed 3 minutes of playing time for a \$100 donation. The opposing teams, The Browns and the Home Team, pose for a friendly photo. WTVG-TV's Michael Reghi was the Home Team coach.

SCAN—The Sight Center Audio Network is On the Air

With a makeshift temporary studio, dozens of devoted volunteers, and some assistance and cooperation from several public broadcasters, The Sight Center Audio Network (SCAN), began to transmit news to the print handicapped on March 27. Initially the service was on the air for 6 hours a day. Recently, with the addition of week-end programming from Columbus, broadcast hours per week have increased to 64.

SCAN is a special broadcast that brings news, features, sports, business, opinions, advertisements, and other items of interest to blind and visually impaired and physically handicapped people. Sighted persons can get this information from newspapers, books, and magazines. SCAN functions as an electronic delivery system for the print medium for persons who find reading difficult. At its heart is the daily paper with its in-depth stories. A reading service listener can say "I heard about that in the paper this morning."

Over 20 volunteers come to The Sight Center every week to record articles which are cut from the newspaper by

other volunteers. Each day the readers, usually working in pairs, begin with readings of international, national, state, and local news, editorials, sports, features and ads from The Daily Sentinel Tribune from Bowling Green. Then, from The Toledo Blade, the same (but not duplicate) information is read along with business news, Living Today Features, Peach Section and entertainment stories, and comics.

The names of persons whose obituaries appear in both papers are read. Listeners can call The Sight Center at (419) 241-1183 or 1-800-624-8378 for additional information.

Each Monday morning, a unique broadcast covers features from the previous Sunday Toledo Blade. Every week volunteer John Hirsch gleans information, stories, and anecdotes that are timeless and entertaining and prepares them for transmission. Beginning in July, an additional 10 minutes of broadcast called "For Your Information" will cover news of particular interest to the blind and visually impaired. "Goes On," The Sight Center monthly newsletter, will be aired

as well as articles from journals in the field of visual impairment.

Week-end programming is provided as a courtesy of the Ohio Educational Broadcasting Network Commission.

They have provided a microwave link between Columbus Radio Reading Service (CORRS) and WBGU-TV, Channel 27, the station that transmits the SCAN signal. On Saturdays and Sundays readers can hear news from the Sunday Columbus Dispatch as well as articles from national magazines such as National Enquirer, American Past, Christian Science Monitor, US News and World Report, Cosmopolitan, Playboy, and The New York Times Magazine.

Recently WGTE-FM has been added to the SCAN family. Each day the recorded transmissions are sent over telephone lines from The Sight Center to WGTE's studio. From there, a microwave signal is sent to WBGU-TV in Bowling Green, and there transmitted from their tower near Deshler, Ohio. SCAN can be received by most stereo televisions tuned to WBGU-TV's second audio program (SAP) channel. A special audio receiver can also be used. Such receivers are loaned to qualified, print handicapped users on a permanent basis by The Sight Center for a requested (but not required) \$25 annual donation. Rush Miller is leading the efforts of the Telephone Pioneers to place the audio receivers in people's homes. Applications for service are available from The Sight Center.

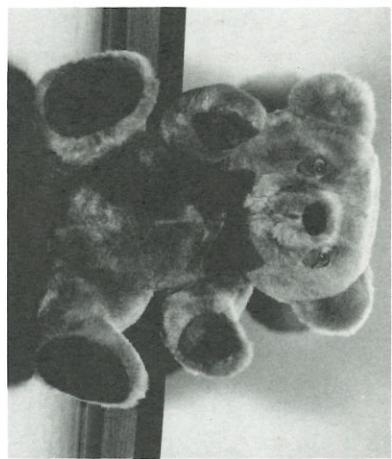
A program that explains the broadcast reading service in detail is available for groups and organizations. Additional information on SCAN, "your vocal eyes of northwest Ohio," is obtainable by contacting Madge Levinson, Reading Service Coordinator.

The agency was shined and polished for the Capital Campaign Donor Appreciation party on May 24. Here, Ruby Salley of The Women's Educational Club examines Sight Center memorabilia.



Lesson in Bravery

Miller Artificial Eye Laboratory has added a new staff member who never complains about long hours, low pay, or pinches and squeezes from clients. He is Orbit, a teddy bear, who has lost both of his eyes. When children come to the laboratory to be fitted for a custom artificial eye, they are able to hold, insert, and remove Orbit's eyes. As a result, both the child and parent are reassured about the painless procedures involved in using an artificial eye.



Orbit, the teddy bear, "works" at Miller Artificial Eye Laboratory.

United Way Monies Purchase Stereo Copier

As a result of a \$5,700 capital grant from United Way, The Sight Center was able to purchase a copy machine that makes diagrams and simple pictures into a tactile experience. A stereo copier accepts regular photostats, and by use of a special paper and process, raises all the print on the copy. The result is a elevated image that can be felt and understood. The process is particularly applicable in the teaching of blind and visually impaired children.

The copier is accessible to the public. There is a small fee charged for paper and copier use. Call The Sight Center for more information.

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